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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2002 above-identified patent (Paper No. 7) in regard to the application. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully solicited in light of the following amendment and remarks.

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Please amend the Application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the following claim(s) as rewritten below: